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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Notification to Department of State

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1. On Monday morning, 20 March 1961, Colonel Beerli advised Mr. Bissell of the U-2 crash [] Mr. Bissell indicated that he would inform General Cabell of the incident. When queried by Colonel Beerli on the advisability of notifying the Department of State, Mr. Bissell suggested that it not be done at that moment. Later on the same morning Mr. Bissell gave concurrence to State notification and Colonel Beerli called Mr. Roger Hileman, Director Intelligence and Research, and advised him of the mishap. Mr. Hileman expressed his appreciation for the notification.

2. Earlier that same morning Colonel Geary had been advised and he accepted responsibility for notifying appropriate Department of Defense and Air Force personnel.

/s/
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